

publication 19000 to denote which strip appeared on Monday 19002, Tuesday 19004, etc.

What is claimed is:

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1. The first step is to identify the problem. This involves understanding the current situation and the goals that need to be achieved.

CLAIMS

1. A method for generating a publication, the method comprising:
soliciting content from one or more content providers in response to a user
5 request to receive such content in accordance with a user-defined delivery schedule;
and
receiving the content at a content repository in accordance with a publication
schedule of the content and aggregating the content for subsequent delivery to the
requesting user if the publication schedule differs from the user-defined delivery
10 schedule.
2. A method according to claim 1, further comprising:
compiling the received content into a document format; and
delivering the formatted content in a user-defined form to the requesting user.
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3. A method according to claim 2, wherein compiling the received content
into a document format comprises:
formatting the received content within a publication to denote a chronological
order in which the content was received.
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4. A method according to claim 2, wherein delivering the aggregated
content comprises:
sending the formatted publication, along with a print instruction, to printing
device designated by the requesting user.
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5. A method according to claim 4, wherein the print instructions
designates a time for printing the publication.

6. A method according to claim 2, wherein delivering the aggregated content comprises:

sending the formatted publication to one or more electronic mailboxes designated by the requesting user.

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7. A method according to claim 1, wherein soliciting content from one or more content providers comprises:

sending a subscription request to one or more content providers requesting the content in accordance with the publication schedule of the content provider.

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8. A method according to claim 1, wherein soliciting content from one or more content providers comprises:

periodically issuing requests to the content providers for content on behalf of the requesting user.

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9. A method according to claim 8, wherein the period is determined by the publication schedule of the content provider(s).

10. A method according to claim 8, wherein the requests are issued daily.

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11. A storage medium comprising a plurality of executable instructions which, when executed, implement an edit module to solicit content from one or more content providers in response to a user request to receive such content in accordance with a user-defined delivery schedule, to receive the content at a content repository in accordance with a publication schedule of the content, and to aggregate the content for subsequent delivery to the requesting user if the publication schedule differs from the user-defined delivery schedule.

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12. A storage medium according to claim 11, wherein the edit module compiles the received content into a document format, and delivers the formatted content in a user-defined form to the requesting user.

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13. A storage medium according to claim 12, wherein the edit module compiles the received content by formatting the received content within a publication to denote a chronological order in which the content was received.

5 **14.** A storage medium according to claim 12, wherein the edit module delivers the aggregate content by sending the formatted publication, along with a print instruction, to printing device designated by the requesting user.

10 **15.** A storage medium according to claim 12, wherein the edit module delivers the aggregate content by sending the formatted publication to one or more electronic mailboxes designated by the requesting user.

15 **16.** A document delivery system comprising:
an content repository, to receive content from one or more content providers in
accordance with a content provider publication schedule; and
an edit module, coupled to the content repository, to periodically collect and
aggregate content received in the content repository for delivery to a requesting user
in accordance with a user-defined delivery schedule.

20 **17.** A document delivery system according to claim 16, wherein the edit module compiles the received content into a document format, and delivers the formatted content in a user-defined form to the requesting user.

25 **18.** A document delivery system according to claim 17, wherein the edit module compiles the received content by formatting the received content within a publication to denote a chronological order in which the content was received.

30 **19.** A document delivery system according to claim 17, wherein the edit module delivers the aggregate content by sending the formatted publication, along with a print instruction, to printing device designated by the requesting user.

20. A document delivery system according to claim 17, wherein the edit module delivers the aggregate content by sending the formatted publication to one or more electronic mailboxes designated by the requesting user.